

split on the Senate floor, a lot of Federal employees involved. We do have a CR for the District of Columbia until the 3d of January. That leaves one bill that is still hung up because of one difference. We ought to be able to resolve that one difference. The foreign operations appropriations bill is very important, and I hope we can resolve it perhaps as early as Wednesday or Thursday of this next week. We are prepared to proceed. We had hoped we might have passed the bill with the Mideast Peace Facilitation Act, deeming all employees essential, and the expedited procedure. That is not going to happen. We need to find another way to address the problem.

As the Democratic leader indicated, the primary aim is to get people back to work as quickly as possible, either with pay or certainly with the assurance that they will be paid, so that they can make plans that are necessary. I know I speak for my colleague, Senator WARNER of Virginia,

who has been in contact with me daily, and I know other Members of the House who were in contact with me today, Congresswoman MORELLA of Maryland, Congressman WOLF, and Congressman DAVIS of Virginia. We will be working with them and others who have an interest in this. I thank my colleague.

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ORDERS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1995

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that once we complete our business today, the Senate stand in recess until the hour of 12 noon on Sunday, December 31, 1995, that following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be deemed approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and there then be a period for morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. DOLE. I think we have indicated to other Senators we will continue negotiations, we will attempt to clear the House message, maybe with a modification, the back-to-work bill, and if we cannot find some solution, it may be that we will just pass the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act. We will not be in session, I do not think, very long tomorrow. I hope we are not in session on New Year's Day.

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RECESS UNTIL TOMORROW

Mr. DOLE. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:26 p.m., recessed until Sunday, December 31, 1995, at 12 noon.